

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A drive motor mounting structure of an electric vehicle, comprising:
  - a drive motor unit ~~having its front part~~ attached to a vehicle body member in a front part of a vehicle,
    - wherein a front part of the drive motor unit is attached to the vehicle body member by use of at least one [[a]] front motor mount disposed in front of the drive motor unit,
    - wherein a rear part of the drive motor unit is attached to the vehicle body member by use of a rear motor mount disposed above the at least one front motor mount,
    - wherein the at least one front motor mount has a strength higher than that of the rear motor mount,
    - wherein the at least one front motor mount rotatably supports the front part of the drive motor unit so as to allow the drive motor unit to rotate downward around the at least one front motor mount; and
    - a rigid robust member configured to generate a force to rotate the drive motor unit downward around the at least one front motor mount, wherein the rigid robust member is disposed in front of and obliquely above the drive motor unit, and above and in front of the at least one front motor mount.
2. (Original) The drive motor mounting structure according to claim 1, wherein the rigid robust member comprises a casing made of metal.
3. (Currently Amended) The drive motor mounting structure according to claim [[2]] 1, wherein the rigid robust member comprises an air compressor.
4. (Original) The drive motor mounting structure according to claim 1, wherein the rigid robust member is mounted onto the drive motor unit in a state of being vibration isolated.

Claims 5-8 (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) The drive motor mounting structure according to claim 1, wherein the vehicle body member comprises a suspension member having a substantially square-frame-shape in plan view, ~~[[a]]~~ wherein the rear part of the drive motor unit is attached to the vehicle body member by ~~use of a~~ the rear motor mount, and the rear motor mount is attached to a stay extended upward from a rear part of the suspension member.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) The drive motor mounting structure according to claim ~~[[5]]~~ 9, wherein the at least one front motor mount comprises front motor mounts ~~[[are]]~~ provided on left and right sides of a front part of the suspension member to support left and right ends of the front part of the drive motor unit, respectively, and the rear motor mount supports the rear part of the drive motor unit.

Claims 12-13 (Canceled)

14. (New) A drive motor mounting structure of an electric vehicle, comprising:

a drive motor unit attached to a vehicle body member and a side member in a front part of a vehicle,

wherein a front part of the drive motor unit is attached to the side member by at least one front motor mount,

wherein a rear part of the drive motor unit is attached to the vehicle body member by a rear motor mount disposed below the front motor mount,

wherein the at least one front motor mount has a strength higher than that of the rear motor mount,

wherein the at least one front motor mount supports the front part of the drive motor unit so as to allow the drive motor unit to move downward relative to the at least one front motor mount, and

a rigid robust member configured to generate a force to move the drive motor unit downward relative to the at least one front motor mount, wherein the rigid robust member is disposed in front of and obliquely above the drive motor unit, and above and in front of the at least one front motor mount.

15. (New) The drive motor mounting structure according to claim 14, wherein the rigid robust member comprises a casing made of metal.

16. (New) The drive motor mounting structure according to claim 14, wherein the rigid robust member comprises an air compressor.

17. (New) The drive motor mounting structure according to claim 14, wherein the rigid robust member is mounted onto the drive motor unit in a state of being vibration isolated.

18. (New) The drive motor mounting structure according to claim 14, wherein the vehicle body member comprises a suspension member having a substantially H shape in plan view, the rear part of the drive motor unit is attached to the vehicle body member by the rear motor mount, and the rear motor mount is attached to a stay extended upward from a rear part of the suspension member.

19. (New) The drive motor mounting structure according to claim 18, wherein the at least one front motor mount comprises front motor mounts attached to side members disposed on left and right sides of the suspension member, respectively, wherein both of left and right ends of the front part of the drive motor unit are supported by the front motor mounts, and the rear part of the drive motor unit is supported by the rear motor mount.